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MARCH OF DIMES NAMES COUNTY BOARD CHAIR WOMAN OF THE YEAR

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The March of Dimes Michigan Chapter named Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chair Nancy White its 2005 Woman of the Year.

The honor will be bestowed on White, D-Clinton Township, at the 22nd annual Alexander Macomb Citizens of the Year Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Penna's of Sterling.

White, who has actively supported the March of Dimes and many other charitable causes, was elected in January 2005 by fellow Macomb County commissioners to serve a second two-year term as chair. Now serving her seventh two-year term as a commissioner, White was first elected in 1992 by voters in Fraser and southern Clinton Township to be their representative on the County Board.

White is responsible for promoting bipartisanship and a more unified, synergistic board by appointing both Republicans and fellow Democrats as committee chairs, taking advantage of individual talent and expertise.

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One of her first acts as chair was to create a Strategic Visioning Task Force, a group of community leaders who were charged with assessing Macomb County's image and future needs. Her commitment to reach out and bring people together also was extended to the community through her Mayors' Forums, Communications Summit, "Cover the Uninsured" event and more.

Before her election to the County Board, White represented teachers and school support personnel as a labor consultant for the Michigan Education Association, retiring from that position in 2003. This job followed a 22-year career in education as a teacher, counselor and coach for Fraser Public Schools. During that period, she took a one-year leave to serve as a member of Congressman David Bonior's original district management team.

White has assumed leadership roles in many areas of her life, including chair of the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board and co-chair of the Clinton Township American Red Cross Blood Drive.

In 2002, she received The Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of America in recognition of her many outstanding contributions as a mentor and community leader.

White has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Wayne State University.

She and her husband Daryl live in Clinton Township and have two children and two grandchildren.

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